

Presentation at the Second Plenary Meeting  
of the Advisory Committee on Acoustic  
Impacts on Marine Mammals

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# Marine Mammals and Sound: An International Dialogue on Policy and Future Directions

An international workshop to support the  
Federal Advisory Committee on Acoustic  
Impacts on Marine Mammals



## Workshop Goals

- Explore cross-boundary issues regarding the management and mitigation of acoustic impacts on marine mammals
- Consider the extent to which the issue of marine mammals and sound has received attention internationally
- Learn about the range of international efforts in management and mitigation related to marine mammals and sound
- Seek innovative solutions that might be transferable to domestic and international policy



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## **Scope of Workshop**

Broad and balanced representation across stakeholder perspectives, including:

- Advisory Committee members
- Invited participants
- Public observers
- Global representation of interested nations, with broadest feasible international participation



## **Current Progress**

- Workshop partnership established with the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), based in the UK (Mark Tasker and Zoe Crutchfield)
- Exploring other government partnering options (Australia, others)
- Compiling a list of references for workshop
- Compiling a list of international contacts



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# Logistics

- Dates: Tues- Thurs, 28-30 September 2004
- Location: Central London
- Venue: conference center to be determined
- Group size: 3 facilitators
  - 4 staff
  - 2-6 event partners
  - 28 Committee members/alternates
  - 10-20 presenters
  - 20-50 public attendees
  - Total: up to 120



## **Workshop Structure**

- Panel 1: Intro to Regulatory Frameworks for Marine Mammals and Anthropogenic Sound
- Panels 2-4: Source-based Discussions
  - Energy Industries
  - Navies
  - Shipping, Fishing, Recreation, Construction, and Aggregate Extraction
- Panel 5: International Law- Multilateral Approaches

Small group discussions/working groups/plenary discussion  
to follow each panel



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## **Next Steps**

- Explore options for other partnerships
- Further develop draft agenda
- Identify presenters and participants
- Select venue
- Advertise the opportunity to an international audience